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Senator J. M. Fulbright
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Fulbright:

This responds to your request for the comments of this Agency on S. 822. I believe the objective sought is a laudable one. As I stated in my address to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in August 1960, we need in this country more education on the history and policies of the Communist movement, particularly knowledge of the nature of the Communist threat to our civilization. I believe it is essential for our educational institutions throughout the country to ~~emphasize training in all of the ramifications of Communist intrigue and its historical background.~~

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There are already several departments and agencies in the Federal Government which are devoting a vast amount of time and effort to the subjects with which the Freedom Commission would be concerned. These include the Central Intelligence Agency, which as you undoubtedly know devotes a considerable amount of effort to the study of Communism. This organization also has a School of International Communism, which we believe to be one of the finest in the world. Naturally, the resources of CIA and other departments and agencies could be utilized to assist the Freedom Commission, *if it were established.*

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In regard to the Freedom Academy, there are these factors to be considered:

- (1) Many universities and other institutions (such as the Council on Foreign Relations, Foreign Policy Association, Brookings, etc.) are already devoting some attention

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to the study of the Communist menace and the education of their student body or membership. In these universities and institutions we find most of the real experts, outside of those in government, who are competent to deal with this matter.

- (2) A study of international communism and related Soviet problems would perhaps need to be supplemented with general studies of world problems in order to provide a more rounded program and to better attract the type of individual who would be effective in such work.
- (3) The Academy would be an overt institution and its personnel and student body would almost inevitably become well known. This is a factor that would be quite important in the selection of the students and in the determination of their activities in the anti-Communist field.

I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to comment on the Freedom Commission Act and hope that the above remarks will be helpful. ~~I would like to repeat that I am thoroughly in favor of the objective which you are seeking and am anxious to cooperate in every way.~~ Perhaps it would be useful to your Committee, or to those who are sponsoring the Freedom Commission, to have an opportunity to see what this Agency is doing in its efforts to train its personnel and those working with us in the field of anti-Communist activities. We would be very happy to provide such a briefing if you feel that this would be useful.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director



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<p><i>Requested revision has been supplied.</i></p> <p><i>LDR</i></p> <p><i>DCI: I suggested preparation of this "I.G. proposed reply" which I prefer.</i></p> <p><i>CPC</i> <i>(3/16/61)</i></p>					
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